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Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

A

Electronic mail at the United Nations Secretariat

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the management audit of electronic mail at the United Nations Secretariat[1] and of the comments of the Secretary-General thereon.

B

United Nations global cargo and motor vehicle insurance programmes

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note, with concern, of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the management audit of United Nations global cargo and motor vehicle insurance programmes;[2]

(b) Requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with the conduct of a further similar audit which will cover

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[1] A/50/1005.

[2] A/51/302.

all United Nations insurance programmes, including the question of insurance contracts based on international bidding;

(c) Further requests the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, to consider the question of insurance policies with a view to exploring the possibilities of having common system-wide practices and procedures, including common insurance programmes;

(d) Requests the Secretary-General to address the opinion of the Joint Inspection Unit contained in paragraph 73 of its report[3] in the context of the report requested in paragraph (e) below;

(e) Requests the Secretary-General to report on the status of the implementation of the present decision to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session.

C

United Nations Access Control System

The General Assembly:

(a) Expresses its deep concern about the findings contained in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[4] with respect to the non-implementation of the United Nations Access Control System which led to a financial loss of $1.5 million;

(b) Endorses the recommendations contained in paragraph 10 of the report;

(c) Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to recover the financial loss in accordance with the relevant Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations.

D

Seminars of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into the seminars of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,[5] and notes that the Special Committee has considered that report.

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[3] A/51/530 and Corr.1.

[4] A/51/467.

[5] A/51/486.

E

Outsourcing practices at the United Nations

The General Assembly decides to revert, at its fifty-second session, to the consideration of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of outsourcing practices at the United Nations[6] in the light of the forthcoming report of the Joint Inspection Unit on outsourcing in the United Nations system.

F

Review of the United Nations Environment Programme and the administrative practices of its secretariat, including the United Nations Office at Nairobi

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the United Nations Environment Programme and the administrative practices of its secretariat, including the United Nations Office at Nairobi,[7] and notes that the report will be considered by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-seventh session.

G

Review of the programme and administrative practices of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the programme and administrative practices of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat),[8] of the statement made by the Executive Director of the Centre in the Fifth Committee[9] and of the resolution on the revitalization of the Centre adopted by the Commission on Human Settlements at its sixteenth session;[10]

(b) Takes note of the assurances of the Executive Director that the Centre has begun implementation of all the recommendations contained in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and encourages the Centre to implement fully the recommendations, as approved by the Commission on Human Settlements.

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[6] A/51/804.

[7] A/51/810.

[8] A/51/884.

[9] See A/C.5/51/SR.60.

[10] HS/C/16/L.32.

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United Nations Postal Administration

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[11] on the audit of the United Nations Postal Administration and requests the Secretary-General to ensure prompt implementation of the recommendations contained therein.

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[11] A/51/897.